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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Jon L. COOK et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3628  
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Serial No.: 09/809,326 ) Examiner: Shannon S. Saliard  
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Filed: March 16, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 5362  
)  
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR )  
LINKING AN ELECTRONIC )  
ADDRESS TO A PHYSICAL )  
ADDRESS OF A CUSTOMER )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated February 27, 2007 (the response period having been extending to August 27, 2007), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C.

§ 121 between Groups:

- I. Claims 1-5, 44-48, 87, and 94, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method and system for linking a physical address to an electronic account of a user using a matching engine, classified in class 705, subclass 1;
- II. Claims 6-10, 49-53, 88, and 95, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method and system for storing a determining a delivery point identification key in an electronic account, classified in class 707, subclass 1;

- III. Claims 11-16, 54-59, 89, 90, 96, and 97, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method and system for creating a static address database from a master address database, classified in class 707, subclass 1;
- IV. Claims 17-20, 60-63, 91, and 98, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method and system for sending an address from an electronic account to obtain a standardized physical address, classified in class 707, subclass 1; and
- V. Claims 21-42, 64-85, 92, 93, 99, and 100, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method and system for sending an electronic message to an electronic address of a user, classified in class 705, subclass 1.

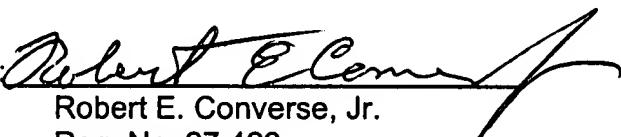
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group III, claims 11-16, 54-59, 89, 90, 96, and 97, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method and system for creating a static address database from a master address database.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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